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RE: GENERAL GODFREY MCHUGH

Dear Harold,

I've a question and, perhaps, some new info. concerning McHugh. I recall that you had me ask A for statements from him (negative response) and I believe he is listed as having been at the autopsy at some point. I don't recall whether or not he was in Dallas.

My professor for Foreign Policy related a story involving McHugh and implied that he either knew McHigh or had personal knowledge of what he was about to say. I don't think you've ever heard of this guy--Dr. (formerly Colonel) Kintner--but he's a real stooge, inclined to the right, working on and off for the gov't in foreign policy positions, including working for Harriman and Foster Dulles. At any rate, he said that JFK took on a few personal military advisors outside of what is provided in the organizational structure, for the purpose of keeping an eye on the military. JFK told these men that if the military boys are doing anything they shouldn't be doing, he'd want to know. Apparently, McNamara really resented having these specials advisers around and had asked JFK to get rid of them to which JFK responded "You know I have to have them." When LBJ took over, one of the first things he did was to fire these advirers at McNamara's request. One of the advisers was McHugh.

There are references to McHugh in Schles. and Soresnson, although Sorenson gives more detail and mentions the names of the other 2 advisers--one of whom as Clifton whose statement you also had me request from A.

My question concerns something I think you told me very long ago--perhaps the first time we met or thereabouts. Didn't you say that some high military officer present at the autopsy was so upset by the whole affair that he left the country? I think you also said this was revealed in Manchester's book, which I do not have. Was the military man present at the autopsy who left the country McHugh?

Best,

Howard